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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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June 21, 1982

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White House Guidelines, Sept. 11, 2008
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MEMORANDUM FOR L. PAUL BREMER III
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Letter From President Bongo Inviting Vice President
Bush to Visit Gabon (82I3492)

We agree that a reply by the President to the attached letter
from President Bongo of Gabon is not necessary.

Michael O. Wheeler
Michael O. Wheeler
Staff Secretary

Attachment
Incoming letter

NSC# 8204272

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Informal Translation of Essential Parts of Text

Mr. President and Dear Friend:

Being aware of the importance your great country has in development and economic evolution of Africa, we have learned with great satisfaction of the proposed visit of Vice President George Bush to Equatorial Africa in June for visits to Cameroon and Zaire.

You know of my deep interest in maintaining and developing the special relations which unite our two countries in the will of peace, and my fervent wish to see our cooperation strengthened and diversified in all domains -- political, economic, scientific and cultural.

In this spirit, we would be most happy to officially receive Vice President Bush in Libreville during his trip to our region, and to reaffirm the friendly relations of long standing which we mutually wish to strengthen and widen.

Signed by President Bongo

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: FRED WETTERING *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: Recommendation of No Reply to Bongo Letter

On May 11 Gabon President Omar Bongo wrote the President extending an invitation for Vice President Bush to visit Gabon during his June trip to Africa. When the trip was postponed, our ambassador advised that there had been consideration of such a trip but it had been postponed, and extended appropriate thanks. (C)

State does not believe a Presidential reply is necessary to this letter. I agree. (U)

This is the first in a series of State proposals on pending Presidential letters (mostly of little import). I chewed on State following your instructions at the last staff meeting and it is having some good effect. More will be forthcoming in the next few days. (C)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Wheeler-Bremer memo concurring that no Presidential reply is necessary for the letter from Gabon President Bongo.

APPROVE *[Signature]*

DISAPPROVE _____

Attachments:

Tab I

Wheeler-Bremer Memo

A Incoming letter from President Bongo

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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CONFIDENTIALWHITE HOUSE
SITUATION ROOMMEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSESubject: Letter from President Bongo inviting
Vice President Bush to visit Gabon

President Bongo wrote a letter dated May 11 to the President, extending an invitation for Vice President Bush to visit Gabon. Bongo states that he "learned with great satisfaction of the proposed visit of Vice President Bush to Equatorial Africa for visits to Cameroon and Zaire." He further states that he "would be most happy to officially receive Vice President Bush in Libreville during his trip to our region, and to reaffirm the friendly relations of long standing" between the United States and Gabon. (Attached)

When the proposed trip by the Vice President was postponed, subsequent to the date of this letter, instructions were sent to all Ambassadors in African posts to respond to this and similar inquiries by saying that there had been consideration of a trip but that it has been postponed and no date has been set. The Department therefore does not believe that a reply by the President to the attached letter is necessary.

Katherine Shultz for
L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

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Le Président de la République

11 MAI 1982

Monsieur le Président et Cher Ami,

Très sensible à l'intérêt que votre grand Pays porte au développement et à l'évolution économique du continent africain, nous avons appris, avec satisfaction, que le Vice-Président Georges BUSCH, se proposait d'effectuer un voyage en Afrique Equatoriale au mois de Juin prochain et de séjourner plus particulièrement en République Unie du Cameroun et au Zaïre.

Vous connaissez mon souci constant de préserver et de développer les relations privilégiées qui unissent nos deux Pays dans un même idéal et dans une même volonté de paix, et mon souhait ardent de voir nos liens de coopération se renforcer et se diversifier dans tous les domaines, politiques, économiques, scientifiques et culturels.

Dans cet esprit, nous serions très heureux de recevoir officiellement à Libreville le Vice-Président Georges BUSCH, lors de son prochain voyage, qui se situe précisément dans notre zone géographique, et confirmer ainsi, de façon éclatante, les relations d'amitié déjà anciennes que nous avons le désir commun de resserrer et de privilégier.

Dans l'espoir que la présente invitation recevra votre agrément, je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur le Président et Cher Ami, l'expression de ma très haute considération.

Monsieur Ronald REAGAN
Président des Etats-Unis d'Amérique
WASHINGTON

El Hadj Omar BONGO

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SUBJECT: LTR FM PRES BONGO TO PRES INVITING VP TO VISIT GABON DURING JUN

ACTION: PREPARE MEMO FOR CLARK

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*El Hadj Omar
Bongo
(Gabon)*

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING TEXT OF LETTER FROM
PRESIDENT REAGAN TO PRESIDENT BONGO: BEGIN TEXT:
DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I WAS PLEASED TO RECEIVE THE LETTER
ADDRESSED TO ME WHICH MINISTER OF CULTURE MBOT DELIVERED
APRIL 19. I AM DELIGHTED THAT THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT WAS ABLE TO BE OF ASSISTANCE DURING THE
MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES TO PUBLICIZE THE
BANTU CULTURAL CENTER IN LIBREVILLE. I EXTEND MY BEST
WISHES TO YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES IN YOUR EFFORTS TO
PROMOTE AND PRESERVE THE BANTU HERITAGE IN AFRICA THROUGH
THE CENTER. SINCERELY, RONALD REAGAN

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Visit of Emile Mbat to The U.S.
and the International Center of
Bantu Civilization in Libreville

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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TRANSMITTAL FORM

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Date May 21, 1984

For: MR. ROBERT C. McFARLANE
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: President Reagan From: President Bongo, Gabon
Date: April 17, 1984 Subject: Bantu Cultural Center
in Libreville

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The attached item was sent directly to the Department of State.

Action Taken:

- A draft reply is attached.
- A draft reply will be forwarded.
- A translation is attached.
- An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below.
- The Department of State has no objection to the proposed travel.
- Other.

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Dept. of State Guidelines, July 21, 1997
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Remarks: Attached is a copy of State 135585 responding to President Bongo's letter. There will not be a signed original.

Charles Hill
Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

April 23, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Robert M. Kimmitt
National Security Council

SUBJECT: Alerting NSC on Presidential
Correspondence

Enclosed is a copy of a letter to President Reagan from President El Hadj Omar Bongo of Gabon which is transmitted for your information.

This document was received in the Executive Secretariat Information Management Section on April 23, 1984

Charles G. Jackson, Jr. for
Director, S/S-1
Information Management Section
Executive Secretariat
ext. 23836

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF LANGUAGE SERVICES

(TRANSLATION)

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GABONESE REPUBLIC

The President of the Republic

Mr. President and Dear Friend:

We were very pleased to receive the invitation that your government extended through your ambassador, His Excellency Francis T. MacNamara, to Emile Mbot, Minister of Culture, Arts, and Popular Education of Gabon, to make a working visit to your great country within a few weeks, and I extend my very sincere and hearty thanks.

I am especially pleased in that I consider it most desirable for high-level governmental, scientific, and cultural authorities in the United States to acquire a deeper understanding and appreciation of the great regional cultural institution which I caused to be established in 1982: the Centre International de Civilisation Bantu (CICIBA) [International Center of Bantu Civilization].

This project, which will affect the vast area that the Bantus have settled, concerns approximately 150 million

His Excellency
Ronald Reagan,
President of the United States of America,
Washington.

inhabitants of 24 countries, of which 11 are English-speaking, 9 French-speaking, 3 Portuguese-speaking, and one Spanish-speaking. The convention establishing CICIBA has been approved and signed by 10 African States: Angola, the Central African Republic, Comoros, Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Zaire, and Zambia.

In the minds of its founders, CICIBA is even more significant in that it has the virtue of eliminating language barriers and administrative boundaries inherited from the colonial era and of surmounting obstacles caused by diversity in political systems. One of the first of its various scientific and cultural objectives is to develop and coordinate research applied in the fields of traditional pharmacology and medicine, demography, and other human sciences. It will also transform our capital, Libreville, into a leading center of African culture and a major Sub-Saharan African crossroads.

Following expeditious and mutually agreed determinations as to the manner in which the organization was to be set up and its operational procedures, CICIBA is now prepared to formulate and implement the 1984-1986 scientific program, which naturally will initially require the collection of documents on a large scale, culminating in the creation of the largest cultural data bank in Africa south of the Sahara. For along time, therefore, priority will have to be given to field missions and desk research throughout the Bantu area.

It will be readily apparent to you that a project so ambitious, but obviously necessary and timely, will incur heavy expenses and therefore require financial and technical resources consistent with the desired results. You will easily understand my interest in having our great sister Republic of the United States of America assist us, by whatever means it considers most appropriate, in resolving this difficult problem of transporting our permanent missions.

I wish to add that Minister Emile Mbot, who is the current chairman of the CICIBA board of directors and enjoys the confidence of all the signatory States of the constituent convention of 1983, wishes to take advantage of his visit to the United States to establish direct relations with scientific and cultural foundations and institutions that may be interested in the work of CICIBA and agree to assist it or to participate in promoting the work programs in question. Therefore I would be very grateful to you for any support extended to him in connection with with this part of his mission.

Hoping that Mr. Mbot's visit will be fully successful and yield favorable results, and thanking you in advance, Mr. President and Dear Friend, for your kind attention to this letter, I express to you my warm regards and my very high and fraternal consideration.

[Signature]

El Hadj Omar Bongo

GABONESE REPUBLIC
UNION - LABOR - JUSTICE

The President of the Republic

Mr. President and Dear Friend,

This is with a lot of satisfaction that we have received from your Ambassador, His Excellency Francis T. MAC NAMARA, the invitation to effect, in the following weeks, a working visit in your great Country, that your Government has kindly directed to our Minister of the Arts of the Culture and of the People's Education, Mr. Emile MBOT, and on that account, I express to you my very keen and sincere thanks.

I am pleased of it more especially as it seems to me quite desirable that be best known and appreciated, in particular of the high-ranked governmental, scientific and cultural authorities of the United States of America, the great cultural and regional institution whose foundation I have provoked in 1982, the International Center of Bantu Civilization, known under the name of CICIBA.

This project which is intended to reach the immense zone of Bantu peopling, concerns then about 150 millions of inhabitants shared out between twenty-four States, for instance, eleven of English language, nine of Frenchspeaking, three of Portuguesespeaking and one of Spanishspeaking.

From its very beginning, the Convention of founding of CICIBA has been approved and signed by ten African states: Angola, Central Africa, Comores, Congo, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, Rwanda, Sao Tomé and Principe, Zaire, Zambia.

In the spirit of its founders, CICIBA presents an interest more especially important that it has the merit of excluding the linguistic barriers and the administrative frontiers inherited from the colonial era and of surmounting the obstacles due to the diversity of the political forms of Government.

Among its various aims, scientific and cultural, one of the first has the tendency to develop and to coordinate the researches applied in the fields of traditional pharmacology and of medicine, of demography and other human sciences

His Excellency Ronald REAGAN
President of the United States of America
Washington, D.C.

It will have also for consequence to make of Libreville, our nation Capital, a high place of African culture and a privileged cross-road of sub-saharan Africa.

The formalities of the setting in place of the Institution and its working procedures having been defined in the best lapses of time, and of a common agreement, CICIBA is now able to establish and to bring into play the scientific program of the period 1984-1986, which foresees, all naturally, in the first place, a vast operation of documentary collection that should result in the constitution of the greatest bank of cultural data~~s~~ on sub-saharan Africa.

Priority should then be given, during a long spell, to the missions of prospection and of documentary research in the entirety of the Bantu zone.

You would not certainly overlook the fact that such an ambitious project, but for which the necessity and the opportunity seem obvious, imply highly financial expenses, therefore the financial and technical means to the measure of the expected result.

You will then easily understand, Mr. President and Dear Friend, my concern to see the great Republic sister of the United States of America help us, by the means that it will deem the best fit to solve this delicate problem of transportation of our permanent missions.

I wish to add that the Minister Emile MBOT, who is the acting Chairman of the Board of Administration of CICIBA, and who enjoys of the unanimous trust of the signatories States of the Convention constitutive of 1983, wishes to take advantage of his stay in your Country to contact directly the scientific and cultural foundations and institutions which might be interested in the works of CICIBA and to accept to give help or to be payees in the promotion of the schedule of works in question.

I would then be very grateful for the support which might be granted to him for the accomplishment of this part of his mission.

Hoping that it will be put in concrete form by a complete success and by positive results, I thank you in advance, Mr. President and Dear Friend, of all the benevolent attention that you have kindly granted to this present correspondence, and I ask you to believe to the expression of my faithful remembrance and of my highest and brotherly consideration.

El Hadj Omar BONGO



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Le Président de la République

Monsieur le Président et Cher Ami,

C'est avec beaucoup de satisfaction que nous avons reçu de votre Ambassadeur, Son Excellence Francis T. MAC NAMARA, l'invitation à effectuer, dans les prochaines semaines, une visite de travail dans votre grand Pays, que votre Gouvernement a bien voulu adresser à notre Ministre des Arts de la Culture et de l'Education Populaire, M. Emile MBOT, et je vous en exprime mes très vifs et sincères remerciements.

Je m'en réjouis d'autant plus qu'il me paraît tout à fait souhaitable que soit mieux connue et appréciée, notamment des hautes autorités gouvernementales, scientifiques et culturelles des Etats-Unis d'Amérique, la grande institution culturelle régionale dont j'ai provoqué la création en 1982, le Centre International de Civilisation Bantu, le CICIBA.

Ce projet qui est destiné à toucher l'immense zone de peuplement bantu, concerne donc environ 150 millions d'habitants répartis entre 24 Etats, soit onze de langue anglaise, neuf francophones, trois lusophones et un hispanophone.

Son Excellence Ronald REAGAN
Président des Etats-Unis d'Amérique
WASHINGTON

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Le Président de la République

Dès son origine, la Convention de création du CICIBA a été approuvée et signée par dix Etats africains: Angola, Centrafrique, Comores, Congo, Gabon, Guinée Equatoriale, Rwanda, Sao-Tome et Principe, Zaïre, Zambie.

Dans l'esprit de ses créateurs, le CICIBA présente un intérêt d'autant plus important qu'il a le mérite d'éliminer les barrières linguistiques et les frontières administratives héritées de la période coloniale et de surmonter les obstacles dus à la diversité des régimes politiques.

Parmi ses divers objectifs, scientifiques et culturels, l'un des premiers tend à développer et à coordonner les recherches appliquées dans les domaines de la pharmacologie et de la médecine traditionnelles, de la démographie et des autres sciences humaines.

Il aura également pour conséquence de faire de Libreville, notre capitale, un haut lieu de la culture africaine et un carrefour privilégié de l'Afrique sub sahélienne.

Les formalités de mise en place de l'Institution et ses procédures de travail ayant été définies dans les meilleurs délais et d'un commun accord, le CICIBA est maintenant en mesure d'établir et de mettre en oeuvre le programme scientifique de la période 1984-1986, qui prévoit, tout naturellement, en premier lieu, une vaste opération de collecte documentaire devant aboutir à la constitution de la plus grande banque de données culturelles de l'Afrique au sud du Sahara.

Priorité devra donc être donnée, durant une longue période, aux missions de prospection et de recherche documentaire dans l'ensemble de la zone bantou.

Il ne saurait vous échapper qu'un projet aussi ambitieux, mais dont la nécessité et l'opportunité paraissent évidentes, implique des charges financières élevées, donc des moyens financiers et techniques à la mesure du résultat attendu.

Vous comprendrez donc aisément, Monsieur le Président et Cher Ami, mon souci de voir la grande République soeur des Etats-Unis d'Amérique nous aider, par les moyens qu'elle jugera les mieux adaptés, à résoudre ce délicat problème du transport de nos missions permanentes.

J'ajoute que le Ministre Emile MBOT, qui est le Président en exercice du Conseil d'Administration du CICIBA, et qui jouit de la confiance unanime des Etats signataires de la Convention constitutive de 1983, souhaite profiter de son séjour dans votre Pays pour se mettre en relations directes avec les Fondations et Institutions scientifiques et culturelles qui pourraient s'intéresser aux travaux du CICIBA et accepter de l'aider ou d'être parties prenantes dans la promotion des programmes de travaux en question.

Je vous serais donc très reconnaissant de l'appui qui pourrait lui être accordé pour la réalisation de cette partie de sa mission.

En espérant que celle-ci se concrétisera par un plein succès et par des résultats positifs, je vous remercie à l'avance, Monsieur le Président et Cher Ami, de toute la bienveillante attention que vous avez bien voulu accorder à la présente correspondance, et je vous prie de croire à l'expression de mon fidèle souvenir et de ma très haute et fraternelle considération

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El Hadj Omar BONGO

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SUBJECT: PRES BONGO LTR RE MBOT VISIT & INTL CENTER OF BANTU CIVILIZATION

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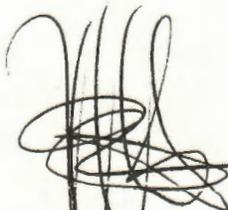
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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR., DIRECTOR
Presidential Appointments and Scheduling

FROM: GRANT S. GREEN, JR.

REQUEST: Meeting for President Bongo of the
Republic of Gabon

PURPOSE: To honor a strong supporter of the United
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official visits by foreign heads of state.

BACKGROUND: President Bongo is one of America's best
friends in Africa. He has consistently
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Bongo in Gabon on June 29. It would be
appropriate for her to deliver an invitation.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: President Bongo visited President Reagan in
1981 in his capacity as rotating president of
the Organization of African Unity.

DATE AND TIME: Month of July, 1987 at any convenient time
for the President.

LOCATION: Oval Office, Cabinet Room, White House Dining
Room

PARTICIPANTS: The President, Vice President, Chief of
Staff, National Security Advisor, Secretary
of State, President Bongo and his entourage.

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: Preferably working meeting and luncheon.

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REMARKS REQUIRED: Talking points for discussions and formal departure statement to be supplied by State Department and the NSC.

MEDIA COVERAGE: Photo opportunity in Oval Office and coverage of departure statements (no questions allowed).

RECOMMENDED BY: State Department, Dept. of Defense, CIA, NSC

OPPOSED BY: None

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MEMORANDUM FOR GRANT S. GREEN, JR.

FROM: HERMAN J. COHEN *HJC*

SUBJECT: Schedule Proposal for President Bongo of Gabon

As you know, I have been interested in finding a vacant slot for President Bongo of Gabon. He is high on State's list for a visit, but has been edged out for the rest of this year by Habre (Chad), and Babangida (Nigeria). I note from various discussions that July seems to have two vacancies. Hassan dropped out and Duarte has been moved to September/October. The attached schedule proposal requests that Bongo be inserted into one of the July vacancies. Maureen Reagan will be dining with Bongo in Libreville on June 29. It would be nice if she could deliver the invitation.

Marybel Batjer concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign and forward the schedule proposal at Tab I.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

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Tab I Schedule Proposal

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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR., DIRECTOR
Presidential Appointments and Scheduling

FROM: GRANT S. GREEN, JR.

REQUEST: Office call (15 minutes) and photo opportunity for President Omar Bongo of the Republic of Gabon

PURPOSE: To offer courtesy to good friend of the United States who runs free enterprise system and has moderate pro-Western foreign policy in Africa.

BACKGROUND: Bongo has been high on various lists for official visit but has not made it because of worldwide demand.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: Had official visit with the President in July 1981 as Chairman of the Organization of African Unity.

DATE AND TIME: September 8 or 9, 1987. Bongo will be enroute home from a conference in Quebec. Anytime on those two days.

LOCATION: Oval Office

PARTICIPANTS: The President, National Security Advisor, Secretary of State, President Bongo, Gabonese Ambassador.

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: Fifteen minute meeting in Oval Office. First five minutes for photo opportunity. Ten minutes of bilateral discussion.

REMARKS REQUIRED: Talking points for brief discussion.

MEDIA COVERAGE: Photo opportunity in Oval Office.

RECOMMENDED BY: Department of State, NSC, CIA, Congressman Gray, and various U.S. business firms.

OPPOSED BY: None

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MEMORANDUM FOR GRANT S. GREEN, JR.

FROM: HERMAN J. COHEN 

SUBJECT: Office Call by President Bongo of Gabon

Following his attendance at a conference in Quebec, President Bongo of Gabon would like to pay an office call on President Reagan. Congressman Gray, and others, recommend this visit. A schedule proposal suggesting either September 8 or 9 is at Tab I.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the schedule proposal for Frederick J. Ryan at Tab I.

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Tab I Grant/Ryan Memo

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FOR: MR. GRANT GREEN
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TO: The President FROM: William Lee
DATE: April 20, 1987 SUBJECT: Visit of President Bongo
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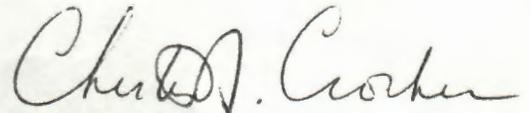
Dear Mr. Lee:

I have been asked to reply on behalf of Secretary Shultz to your letter of April 20, 1987, recommending that President Bongo of Gabon be extended an invitation for an official visit to the United States.

As one of Africa's longest serving leaders, President Bongo has guided his country on a pro-western, moderate course which has brought Gabon political stability and relative economic prosperity. The cooperation and goodwill which you note characterize your relations with the Government of Gabon are evidence of such a sound course. For this, and other reasons, we consider Gabon to be an important ally in the region.

I appreciate your recommendation, and will keep it in mind in seeking an appropriate occasion for an official visit by President Bongo.

Sincerely,



Chester A. Crocker

Mr. William I. Lee,
Triton Energy Corporation,
1400 One Energy Square,
4925 Greenville Avenue,
Dallas, Texas.

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MAY 13, 1987

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED APRIL 20, 1987
TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN
FROM: MR. WILLIAM I. LEE
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
TRITON ENERGY CORPORATION
1400-ONE ENERGY SQUARE
4925 GREENVILLE AVENUE
DALLAS TX 75206

SUBJECT: REQUESTS CONSIDERATION TO INVITE HIS
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WILLIAM I. LEE
Chairman of the Board
and Chief Executive Officer

April 20, 1987

The Honorable
Ronald Reagan
President
of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Mr. President:

It is our understanding that each year, two or three Heads of State from African Nations are invited to America as official guests of our government. For reasons stated below, we respectfully request that you consider inviting His Excellency, El Hadj Omar Bongo, President of Gabon, for an official State visit this year.

Triton Energy Corporation was recently successful in obtaining a Petroleum Production Sharing Contract with Gabon. During our negotiations we were impressed with the sincerity and professionalism of the government officials, and while staying in Gabon we observed an orderly and amiable populace, all of which we feel are a reflection of the good will and good governing of President Bongo's administration.

Gabon, located in a strategic area of West Africa, has petroleum and mineral reserves of great importance and a citizenry eager to learn and acquire the skills and ability to develop these assets. Until recently, most of the development of these resources has been managed by companies of European origin participating with the government of Gabon, however, recently the government has exhibited a willingness if not a desire to share these investment opportunities with companies of other nations, and several U.S. based corporations are partaking in these new ventures.

We believe the Gabonese would welcome a closer relationship with Americans, and we submit that this would be mutually rewarding. We have reason to believe that President Bongo, leader of the Gabonese for twenty years, would be pleased to accept your invitation to come



Letter to the President
April 20, 1987
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to America for an official State visit. Such an event would signify to all that a closer relationship between the people of our two great countries and their governments is a desired objective.

For these reasons, we respectfully ask that you give every consideration to extending an invitation to President Bongo at an early date. We understand there is to be a meeting this September in Ottawa, Canada, of all the French-speaking Heads of State. Possibly, a visit by President Bongo could be arranged preceding or following that meeting. We will be pleased to assist in these arrangements in any way possible, and specifically will have our corporate jet and crew available should it be needed, and will be pleased to host or assist with a dinner for President Bongo in the Washington area. We will greatly appreciate your effort.

Respectfully yours,

TRITON ENERGY CORPORATION

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Chairman of the Board

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